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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pierre CHARNEAU et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 10/602,663

**Examiner: Unassigned** 

Filed: June 25, 2003

**USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE** 

DNA IN TRANSFERRING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 5, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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